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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 3530

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN, PFOR, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SOVIET "COPYRIGHT OFFICE" IN WASHINGTON

1. WE NOTE THAT SOVIET EMBASSY, APPARENTLY WITHOUT SEEKING PERMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT, HAS OPENED A "COPYRIGHT OFFICE" AT 1511 K STREET, N.W., IN WASHINGTON. AS REPORTED (DIXON MEMORANDUM, 3/8/77), STATEMENTS BY SOVIET OFFICIAL INVOLVED THAT HE THOUGHT HIS "CONSULAR COLLEAGUES" HAD RECEIVED DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION TO OPEN THIS OFFICE STRIKES US AS SUBTERFUGE. IF SOVIET EMBASSY DID REQUEST SUCH PERMISSION PRIOR TO OPENING OF "OFFICE", WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHEN AND IN WHAT FORM THIS REQUEST WAS MADE AND WHETHER ANY PERMISSION WAS GRANTED.

2. EVEN IF SOVIETS MADE THIS REQUEST IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER, WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO GRANTING THEM PERMISSION TO OPEN ADDITIONAL QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR OUR EXISTING OFFICES HERE IN MOSCOW. IF OUR ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT THAT SOVIETS OPENED THIS PARTICULAR FACILITY WITHOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION, THEY MAY HAVE DONE SO OUT OF RECOGNITION THAT WE WOULD INSIST ON A RECIPROCITY WHICH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO CONCEDE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THIS "OFFICE"  
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WAS DISCOVERED AND OF THE APPARENTLY INACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH THE SOVIET OFFICIAL INVOLVED PROVIDED AFTER THE DISCOVERY WAS MADE, WE BELIEVE THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT DELAY IN REQUIRING SOVIET EMBASSY TO TERMINATE THE LEASE AND CLOSE THE FACILITY FORTHWITH. THE DECEPTION TO WHICH THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE RESORTED IN THIS CASE ALSO WARRANTS A REPRIMAND AND A WARNING TO SOVIET EMBASSY

TO ESCHEW USE OF SIMILAR TACTICS IN THE FUTURE.

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